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PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,089	31	1,120
Total number examined at Bacteriological Laboratory during week.....	529	21	550
Total number infected.....	0	0	0
Total number of rats and mice examined in Bacteriological Laboratory since Sept. 8.....	2,482	351	2,833
Total number of rats and mice infected since Sept. 8.....	1	0	1

Date of last infected rat, September 30, 1904.

Date of previous infected rat, September 8, 1904.

The State of Queensland has to-day been declared free from plague infection, and no further bulletins will be issued unless fresh cases should be reported.

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

DEPART. OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, October 31, 1904.

Bubonic plague bulletin No. 35, for week ended at 1 p. m. Saturday, October 29, 1904:

PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,322	1,065	2,387
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week.....	357	583	940
Number of rodents found infected.....	0	0	0

Date of finding last plague rodent, October 11, 1904.

Plague in man, none.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, November 7, 1904.

Bubonic plague bulletin No. 36, for week ended at 1 p. m., Saturday, November 5, 1904:

PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,174	719	1,893
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week.....	359	376	735
Number of rodents found infected.....	1	0	1

Plague in man, none.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

Case of plague near Brisbane.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
Melbourne, November 5, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a communication has been received from the government of Queensland intimating that a fresh

case of plague has been discovered near Brisbane, which is considered by the health authorities to be an isolated one.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

G. H. REID.

THE CONSUL-GENERAL FOR THE UNITED STATES,
Melbourne.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, November 16, as follows:

During the week ended November 12, 1904, 1 supplemental and 1 original bill of health were issued, and there were inspected 2 vessels, 191 crew, 20 cabin and 44 steerage passengers, together with 42 pieces of baggage. Two pieces of baggage were disinfected, and 55 men of the crew of one vessel were vaccinated and issued certificates to that effect. Manifests were viséed for 3,204 pieces of freight, and 1 emigrant for San Francisco, per steamship *Gaelic*, was inspected and passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows among the foreigners, smallpox, 2 cases; enteric fever, 2 cases; diphtheria, 1 case; among the Chinese, smallpox, 8 deaths; tuberculosis, 30 deaths. The total deaths recorded amounted to 115, all Chinese.

While the reported morbidity and mortality from smallpox does not appear extensive, it is believed that the disease is quite prevalent at this time in and about Shanghai; hence all practicable precautions for preventing access of this disease to ships bound to American ports are being taken.

No quarantinable disease was reported present at outports during the period covered by this report.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon—Mortality and sanitary conditions during month of November, 1904—Steamship Venezuela quarantined on account of measles.

The following report, issued by Dr. Benjamin de Cespedez, Government sanitary officer of Limon, is received through the consul-general of Costa Rica at New York, under date of December 14:

Total number of deaths during the month, 28; died in the hospitals, 9; died in private houses, 19; tuberculosis, 4; malaria, 4. Causes of death: Measles, 1; dysentery, 3; syphilis, 1; beriberi, 1; other diseases, not infectious, 14. Death rate during the month, 5 per 1,000.

The number of patients at the different hospitals to-day is as follows: In the United Fruit Company's hospital, 48 men; Charity hospital, 34 men, 4 women; Costa Rica railroad hospital, 14 men. Births reported during the month, 14; inspection visits to houses, 161; sanitary orders or notifications issued, 49.

The steamer *Venezuela*, of the Veloce Company, was placed in quarantine because she had 2 cases of malignant measles.